(e) whether Government propose to take action against contractors for working at slow pace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL) (a) and (b) In the year 2001-2002, project proposals to the tune of Rs. 132.36 crore had been cleared for Himachal Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). No roads were cleared during 2002-2003 and work on ongoing roads cleared during 2001-2002 were being executed during 2002-2003.

(c) As per the information received from the State Government, out of 245 roads cleared during the year 2001-2002 and scheduled to be completed by June, 2003, only 71 roads have been completed so far.

(d) The State Government has reported that most of the 174 roads which have not been completed as per the schedule, are likely to be completed by November, 2003.

(e) State Government is taking appropriate action in accordance with provisions in the contract agreement for delays against contractors.

Development of rural areas of U.P., Bihar and Jharkhand

387. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for rural development;

(b) whether it is a fact that development of rural areas of U.P., Bihar and Jharkhand has not taken place to the desired extent; and

(c) if so, what special measures are proposed for speedy development of rural areas of the above States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL) (a) The Ministry of Rural Development implements the following Schemes in the Rural areas of the country:

(a) Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)

(b) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

(c) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

(d) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

(e) Rural Drinking Water Supply (RWS)

(f) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)

(g) Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)

(h) Desert Development Programme (DDP)

(i) Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP)

(b) Development of rural areas of U.P., Bihar and Jharkhand is relatively slow.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development has been impressing upon the State and Union Territories to implement the schemes more effectively and in accordance with the guidelines. In order to improve the implementation of the Schemes and to ensure better delivery of benefits to the poor, a four-pronged strategy consisting of (i) Creation of awareness about the Schemes,(ii) transparency (iii) People's partnership and (iv) accountability-social audit through Gram Sabhas has been evolved. The State Governments also may be having their own Programmes for speedy development of the rural areas.

Release of Rice and Wheat to Himachal Pradesh under Food for Work Programme

†388. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Rice and Wheat released to Himachal Pradesh under the Food for Work Programme during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the number of times it was given alongwith the quantity of the same given each time;

(c) the number of persons benefited under this scheme; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.